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## Big Cypress News Release

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### Big Cypress National Preserve Prepares for Hurricane Frances

Effective Thursday, September 2, 2004 Big Cypress National Preserve will be closed in preparation of landfall of Hurricane Frances. This closure will effect all visitor and administrative facilities and backcountry access within the preserve including ORV and hunting access.

The closure will be in place until the National Park Service assesses damage following the storm, or feels that the threat of Hurricane Frances has passed. Recorded updates on when the preserve has reopened can be reached by calling one of the following numbers: 239-695-2000, 239-695-2040 or 239-695-1107.